



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX  
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HIS GRACE BISHOP NICHOLAS, AUXILIARY BISHOP  
OF THE DIOCESE OF MIAMI AND THE SOUTHEAST

## A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION (HOLY EUCHARIST)

Welcome to St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church. We are honored by your presence. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be the paramount expression of Christian unity. While it is our deepest hope that Christendom will one day fulfill Christ's desire for true unity among all those who claim His name (John 17:21), the unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. Since participation in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) expresses a unity with all the dogma, teachings, and practice of the Orthodox Church, it is obvious that non-Orthodox Christians (Catholic, Protestant, Oriental, etc.) do not receive Holy Communion but respect the official policy of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

Thank you for your understanding.

On that same note, all Eastern Orthodox Christians are called to prepare for the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ through recent confession, prayer, and fasting from all food and drink approximately midnight the night before. Please speak with Fr. Paul if medical conditions preclude it.

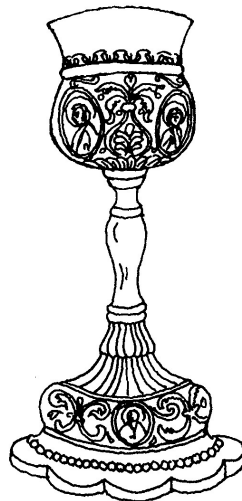
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

May God bless you.

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Please contact Fr. Paul to request a pastoral visit for anyone hospitalized, sick, suffering, or alone (Christian or not).

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## ST. PAUL FELLOWSHIP GOLF-OUTING

**Open to men & women who would like to spend a day with fellow parishioners, while enjoying golf. This is not a fundraiser, just a fun day of golf, lunch and fellowship. Father Paul will be joining us for lunch.**

### THE DETAILS

**Date:** Thursday, May 3, 2018

**Location:** Vasari Country Club

**Time:** 8:30AM tee times

**Lunch:** Immediately following golf

**Cost:** \$48.00 includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch @ clubhouse & sleeve of balls

### HOW TO SIGN-UP?

**Contact:** Nick Ferris (317.201.9002; [nferris15@gmail.com](mailto:nferris15@gmail.com))

**Please RSVP by: Thursday, April 26**



## BELOVED FAMILY OF SAINT PAUL:

THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN of our Parish are offering each of us an opportunity to offer aid to the suffering people throughout our world by preparing:

### EMERGENCY KITS\*

During February, March and April, we are preparing **Hygiene Kits**: Buy a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and please assemble the following items:

- ❖ One hand towel
- ❖ One washcloth
- ❖ One comb
- ❖ One nail clipper
- ❖ One bar of soap (bath size)
- ❖ One toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- ❖ Six Band-Aids

We recommend that you then place them inside the zippered bag & drop them into the clearly marked box in the Conference Room.



Any cash donations to offset mailing costs will be gratefully accepted.



**“...PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.” +JAMES 5:16**

Prayers for the health of Fr. Joe & Diane as well as Al & Anna Castley are offered by Ed & Marilyn Edge.

Prayers for the health of Bob & Margaret Mourad, George Henney, as well as Fr. Joe, Diane, and Laila, are offered by Bob & Barbara Nader.

**MAY THE LORD OUR GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND SEND DOWN UPON US HIS DIVINE GRACE FOR STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION.**

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Please remember Tatianna Shamie, the mother of Linda Mackool, in your prayers as she departed this life just last week. May her memory be eternal.

**MAY THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE REMEMBER ALL OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES IN HIS KINGDOM.**



# WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday: Great Vespers\* at 5:00PM

Sunday: Orthros 8:15AM; The Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM

*\*Fr. Paul hears confessions after Great Vespers Saturday and by appointment.*

**Orthodox Christian Sunday School Program** - After Divine Liturgy - Resumes 4/15

**Orthodoxy & Scripture (Bible Study)** - Resumes Thursday (4/19) at 6PM

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**Published Great Lent & Holy Week 2018  
Service Schedule (Printed & available online)**

**Holy Week Starts THIS EVENING - Bridegroom Matins 6PM**

**+Bishop NICHOLAS Visiting This Week+**

**Holy Wednesday** (4/4) at 6PM - Holy Unction - Lenten Meal immediately following!

**Holy Saturday** (4/7) at 9:30AM - Vesperal-Divine Liturgy

**Sweet & Savory Bake Sale - TODAY** - Buy for your PASCHA Basket!

**Save the Date - Sunday 4/22** - Parish Luncheon to honor and thank Laila Corey for her sacrificial labor in leading the choir of St. Paul for 17 years. God grant her many years!

**The Bread Basket** - Pita Bread Sale to benefit the parish; \$3/package. Sponsored by The Order of St. Ignatius here at St. Paul.

**Food For Hungry People** - Several boxes located in narthex - Please make sure to give to our brothers and sisters in need.

**Fellowship Hour** - sponsors needed - Sign up sheet on board in hallway!

**For more information visit: [stpaulnaples.org](http://stpaulnaples.org)  
("Like" us on: [facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulnaples))**

## **+HOLY WEEK 2018 SERVICE SCHEDULE+**

SUNDAY (4/1) EVENING; HOLY MONDAY (4/2); HOLY TUESDAY (4/3)

**Bridegroom Matins - 6PM**

HOLY WEDNESDAY (4/4)

**Service of Holy Unction w/His Grace Bishop Nicholas & other clergy - 6PM  
Followed by: St. Paul Church Lenten Meal (Provided)**

HOLY THURSDAY (4/5)

**Anniversary of the "Mystical Supper"**

**Orthros - 8:15AM**

**Vesperal-Divine Liturgy - 9:30AM**

**Orthros w/Twelve Passions Gospels - 6PM**

HOLY FRIDAY (4/6)

**Royal (Great) Hours & Typika - 9AM**

**Decoration of Tomb of Christ following;**

**Great Vespers & Taking Christ down from the Cross - 3PM**

**Lamentations Service w/Procession around Church - 6PM**

HOLY SATURDAY (4/7)

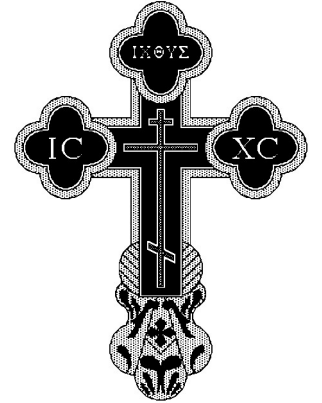
**The First Resurrection Service**

**Vesperal-Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - 9:30AM**

**GREAT & ALL-HOLY PASCHA (SATURDAY AT 8PM)**

**Midnight Office, the Resurrection (Rush) Service, Paschal Orthros, and  
Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John**

**+Blessing of PASCHA baskets & Resurrection Meal  
immediately following Liturgy+**



**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH  
ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA**

**PALM SUNDAY 2018**

**Beloved in the Lord:**

**A blessed feast of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to you and your families. I pray you all completed a spiritually rewarding Fast and are now ready to enter into Passion Week which culminates with our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead next Sunday as we celebrate Great and Holy Pascha.**

**Today, as we rejoice in this feast, we also pause to take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our Patriarch, His Beatitude JOHN X. We were blessed to have him make a short visit to us last fall to bring the message of peace and love to our government leaders in the United States. We pray that our Lord will bless him and all the people of that area of the world that continues to endure suffering and pain on a daily basis.**

**Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude from his spiritual children here in North America. His Beatitude faces an enormous challenge as he tries to alleviate the pain and suffering of those affected by the war in Syria and the effects of the same war on his flock in Lebanon, Iraq and other areas. With hundreds of thousands of displaced people as a result of the civil war, the needs and demands on our Patriarchate are great. Churches have been destroyed and vandalized by terrorists and families have been driven from their homes and are in desperate need of our help. With that in mind, we hope you will be as generous as possible.**

**Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,**

**Your Father in Christ,**

**+JOSEPH  
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018**

**FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY**

**ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

**+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+**

**APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE**

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

**APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR**

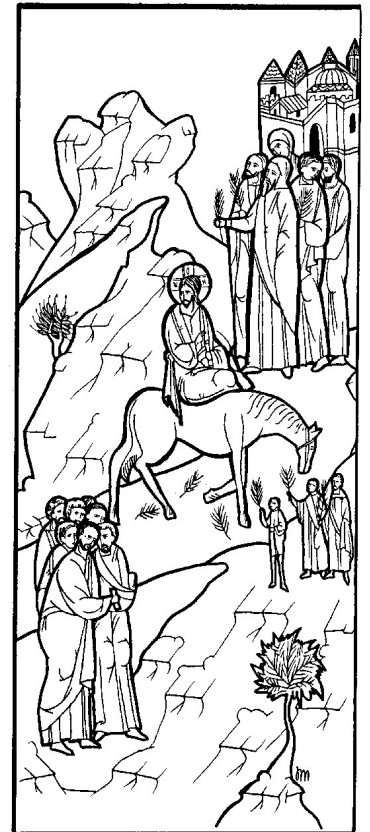
O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

*+Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+*

**KONTAKION FOR THE PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX**

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

*+Traditional Palm Sunday procession around the exterior of the church following "Blessed be the Name of the Lord"*



## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.



**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING OUR 2018 STEWARDSHIP FORM. YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS WILL HELP YOUR PARISH MEET ITS NEEDS TO BUILD UP AND GROW - BECOMING A "BEACON OF LIGHT" - IN THIS COMMUNITY**

Robert & Michaelene Aber

Joe & Julie Abla

James & Julianna Agoritsas

Karam Talal & Norma Abi-Karam

Philip & Bette Ayoub

Philip G. Ayoub

Robert & Thelma Badwey

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Laila Corey

Beverly & Frank Czerwinski

Lorna & Peter Daddio

George & Dorothy Darany

John A. Dunlap

Ed & Marilyn Edge

Nick & Jan Ferris

Aleyamma George

Fr. Paul & Kh. Thekla Girgis

Nicholas & Somaya Gorab

Elias & Barbara Hebeka

George W. Henney

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Edward Kappaz

Eugene & Carolyn Karrip

George & Samira Khoury

Steve & Jo Krevinko

Ray & Jennie Mansour

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All & Gloria Mizhir

Michael & Catherine Moukios

Robert & Barbara Nader

George Nassor

Louis & Shirley Nicholas

Andrew & Olga Nosal

Marianne Poppe

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Wayne & Wendy Staley

Judith Tirakis

Joseph & Omayya Touma

Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mara Vertrees

Bill & Leslie Yurkovac

George & Lorraine Zain

*"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10)*

**A few thoughts on Stewardship:**

**+Stewardship is not a substitute for our commitment to this holy church but rather a deep expression of that commitment - this takes an inward self-analysis and honesty concerning our love for the Body of Christ - His Church.**

**+To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. There is great potential here. This requires the vision and inspiration to see St. Paul Church, not as it currently is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make this local church just that - all that it could be through the grace of God.**

**+Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in trusting the Creator of the Universe.**

**+The foundations of the spiritual life is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving, which consists of stewardship, is not always "easy". Nothing in the spiritual life is "easy" but rather a struggle to grow deeper in our love of Christ, our union with Him, through the attraction of His divine grace.**

*"You should secretly give from what you have to those in need, so that you receive from God, Who sees in secret, a hundred times more, as well as life eternal in the age to come (cf. Mt. 6:4; Mk. 10:30)."*

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**Please take the time to make your Stewardship Commitment today and enter into another layer of the spiritual life, which is the only path leading to a true experience of God and His Divine grace. Have vision, launch "into the deep" my dear ones, and taste the fruit of commitment to the Author of our lives. The Christian life is not only prayer, not only fasting, and not only almsgiving but "all or nothing".**

**+2018 Stewardship Pledge Forms can be found in envelopes on wall compartment upon entry to worship space (near bulletins)+**

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. John. (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.



**ST. PAUL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**MAY OUR GOD REMEMBER IN HIS KINGDOM ALL THOSE FOR WHOM DONATIONS  
WERE MADE - FOR THEIR HEALTH & IN THEIR MEMORY**

**THE SYNAXARION**

**(AN ABRIDGED COLLECTION OF THE “LIVES OF THE SAINTS”)**

**On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.**

*Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,  
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of “Hosanna” is, “We pray Thee, save.” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and life-bringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.



**Palms for Palm Sunday**

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**Palm Sunday Icon**

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*In memory of Khalil & Wadia Hebeke and Charles & Eleanor Streichenwein, parents of Elias and Barbara Hebeke*

**Bridegroom Icon**

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*In memory of Stephen, Anne & Barbara, parents & sister to Steve Krevinko, and Anthony, Dagmar & Patricia, parents and sister to Jo (Anna) Krevinko*

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*In memory of Paul and Lucille Darah*

**Holy Friday – Tomb**

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*In memory of Salem & Wadia Darany and Victor & Kathryn Bashara, parents of George and Dorothy Darany*

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**Basic Church-Life Needs**

A very natural and loving manner in which Orthodox Christians can participate in the life of the Church is by simply providing even the most basic items. If we provide our own home with the necessities, how much more should we take care that the House of God is properly supplied? This is not to replace monetary stewardship but rather a beautiful opportunity to keep the House of God, in all aspects of our life, the top priority. Please consider, the next time you are buying for yourself, to also buy for God’s house:

- Extra Virgin Olive Oil                      - Utility Lighters
- Incense Self-Lite Charcoal (Case of 1,000): \$185

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